



Minutes

Date: Tuesday 9th January 2018
Venue: Didcot Town Football Club
Time: 20:00hrs (Approx.)

Meeting: Committee Meeting
Scriber: Theresa Lamble

Agenda

The items on the Agenda for the AGM meeting on Friday 26th January 2018 will be as follows:

- Membership Report.
- Financial Report.
- Constitution/Roles and Responsibilities Updates.
- Motions for Debate.
- Club Coaching.
- Didcot 5.
- Ridgeway Challenge.
- Election of Officers.
- Any Other Business.
- Social.
- Awards Ceremony.

Officers Present

Geoffrey Jackson (President)

Daniel Fisher (Chair Person)

Meg Stanton-Humphreys (Wellbeing officer)

Alan Murphy (Wellbeing office)

Theresa Lamble (Club Secretary)

Claire Jones (Membership secretary)

Club Members Present

Noel Francis (+guest), Miranda Habermel, Andrew Casey, Claire Davids, Dariel Burdass, Ian Robinson, Daniel Ling, Louise Hill, Phil Davies, Jethro Dowsing (+guest) Sian Loveless, Katie Willetts, Eileen Naughton, Carla Howes, Adela Garcia, Ed Gutteridge, Julie Price, Lisa Herbert, Chris Moffatt, Jean – Luc Coudret, Rebecca Rose, Stacey Herbert, Hayleigh Gascoigne, Paul O' Connell, Louise Gildea, Richard Gildea (20:10 Paul Griffiths) (20:15 Andrew Forster)

Meeting commenced at 19:45

Action / Deadline

- **Membership report**

Dan reported that we finished the year with 126 members this was up from 88 members since June and the highest membership on record.

- **Financial report**

- Dan shared the breakdown of Clubs finances during the past year, the closing balance was £4194.99 as of December 31st, 2017. It was reported that keeping reserves in the bank, would help bridge the gap for Didcot 5 costs, before sponsorship comes in. It was advised that England Athletics cost will be raised by £1.00 in April 2018, therefore a vote was taken to raise the Membership to £26.

Motion Passed

- Online renewals have been discussed over many committee meetings and was agreed by members that if they choose to pay this way, they would pay for the Processing fee of £0.82

Motion Passed

- Constitution/Roles and Responsibilities Updates

All members had received and read the changes to the Constitution, Roles and responsibilities risk assessment and all voted for the changes to take place. Lisa Herbert qualified as Coach in January 2018 and will sit on the Committee Head Coach will be added to the role and responsibilities.

- An Updated Grievance policy will be added to the constitution.
- The role of Webmaster has been added into the Constitution and Role and Responsibilities.

All policies will be emailed to all members and updated on the Club Website.

Motion Passed

- **Motions for debate**

- **Shorter routes**

- It was discussed to add shorter routes to each Tuesday night sessions moving forward to be inclusive to all, especially the Beginners once they finish their eight week programme, it was decided that the short routes were to be an option for the normal membership. The need for a tail runner is not needed as the routes follow the same end path and therefore they should make it back before the longer route finishes, with the tail runner. There would be a need to have a Group Leader to manage that route on each session and this will be eventually managed by volunteers on the night.

Motion Passed

- **Club Colours**

- Dan presented the results and suggestions from the Survey Monkey as detailed by members about club kit/colours. It was agreed that Club colours stay the same and when the towers are taken down, it will be addressed again. Unless a member would like to bring it up again for discussion.

Miranda Habermel and Ed Gutteridge have offered to form a subcommittee, with Mike Suggate.

Mike has offered to hold a basic stock of kit that members can purchase, and members can get any item of clothing printed with the Didcot Runners Logo, but at Races where they use their England Athletics affiliation number, Club colours are to be worn, to enable points to be gained in the Championship races. Also, setting out guidelines for competition/ race kit and training kit.

The Sub Committee will be working towards designing an Order form, design a webpage for the website and take and deliver orders for kits.

Motion Passed

- **Single Championship Shield**

- Mike has proposed that we start a legacy for a Championship Shield. The winner would receive the shield with their name on (which will be returned after the year and awarded to the next Championship Winner).

Motion Passed

- **Club Coaching**

Lisa has agreed to sit on the Committee as Club Coach and has agreed to manage the clubs Run Leaders. (5 more members taking their course Feb / March 2018).

It was discussed that with the growing numbers attending on a Thursday session, the sessions would need to be split for safety reasons.

- They may be split into two groups doing the same sessions (i.e. pyramids - two groups either side of the road) or two sessions running one week behind the other to offer everyone the same delivered sessions.
- The sessions will be ran by Lisa when available or Run Leaders (trained by Lisa).
- The split groups will start this coming winter.

Lisa will be passing her knowledge to the run leaders about up to date techniques and in turn will be keeping herself up to date with courses as needed.

The club will now hold pacing groups once a month, with the aim to provide members with a platform to push themselves further and measure progression from interval training.

It was noted that this will require extra volunteers, which we will turn to the Run Leaders to provide initially. The dates of each Pacing Session will be published on the website and the Committee will review this monthly to see how this is working.

It was acknowledged that the Pacing groups will not be enforced upon members, members can choose to run at their own pace.

It was noted that other training opportunities can be used like Bleep Tests which was acknowledged.

Motion Passed

- **Didcot 5**

- The Didcot 5 subcommittee announced this year's date :1st July and would like help from members to help raise sponsors. Katie announced that we had record numbers in 2017 and with the first year using chip-timing. We donated £1500.00 to each Charity, Earth

Trust and the Donkey Sanctuary. The charities for 2018 are Earth Trust and (a choice of two to decide) Style Acre and Heat (announced on the night by Carla Howes) Katie will look at the details and will provide a survey for members to vote for the charity for 2018. Katie and Sian will be stepping down as Race Directors and would like someone to come forward to shadow for 2018 with the view to take over in 2019. Katie and Sian would like to have adhoc volunteers to help with jobs closer to the time, but also some more volunteers to sit on the sub- committee leading up the 2018 event.

- **Ridgeway Challenge**

- A special mention and thank you to Geoff Jackson and Andrew Forster who both took 3 people home driving for many hours to get them safely back. This showed great sportsmanship, above and beyond attitude and great spirit of the club. It was reported that with our first manned Checkpoint at Goring went smoothly.

Congratulations went to 3 runners from our club ran, Paul Griffiths, Dave Knopp and Mike Suggate.

Didcot Runners have been asked to man it in August 2018 again and we have one FREE place to give away for this year.

More details will follow to arrange a sub-committee and to advertise for the free place.

- **Election of Officers**

- Dan Fisher stepped down as Chair.
- Theresa Lamble was elected as Chair and seconded by Katie Willets.
- Theresa stepped down as Secretary.
- Jules Price was elected as Secretary and seconded by Lisa Herbert.
- Claire Jones was re-elected as Membership Secretary remains with, seconded by Sian Loveless
- Simon Woods was re-elected as Social Secretary, seconded by Lisa Herbert
- Ben Adams had stepped down as Treasurer in Oct 2017 and Theresa had been bridging the gap)
- Alan Murphy stepped up for Treasurer and was seconded by Louise Gildea
- Meg Stanton- Humphreys was re-elected as Wellbeing Female Officer, seconded by Sian Loveless
- Alan Murphy was re-elected as Wellbeing Male Officer, seconded by Dan Fisher

Motion Passed

Vice Chair and Webmaster positions remain vacant, details will be emailed to all members to fill the positions.

- **Any Other Business**
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Date for next AGM: Friday 25th January 2019, 19:00hrs start, At DTFC

Meeting closed by chairman at 21:40.

Signed: T Lamble Date: 26th January 2018